

Support for new claim 54 is found in, for example, claims 2-6 and 27 as originally filed, as well as in the specification at page 26, lines 3-28 and page 27, lines 16-30.

Support for new claim 55 is found in, for example, claims 29 and 7-14 as originally filed, as well as in the specification at page 25, line 26 to page 26, line 2 and page 27, lines 16-30.

Support for new claims 56 is found in, for example, claim 28 as originally filed as well as in the specification at page 21, lines 5-9.

No new matter is added.

### CONCLUSION

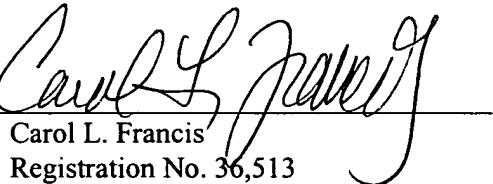
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in form for allowance, early notice of which is requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (650) 327-3400.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815.

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